

### Wednesday Night Fellowship

December 5, 2018 5:45 pm

**Menu:** Pork loin, potatoes, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert

**Program:** The Shepherds at the Manger, led by Roger Bailey

Reservations by Tuesday, 12/4, at noon

Indicate # of people:

\_\_\_ Adults & children over 12

\_\_\_ Children age 3-11 (meal above)

\_\_\_ Children 3-11 (PBJ/applesauce)

\_\_\_ to go orders (reservation required)

Cost: All meals are paid by donation. A minimum of \$6.50 is requested for anyone who can pay for the meal. Anyone who can pay extra either each week or as a lump sum donation to cover the costs of meals for those who are not able to pay are encouraged to do so. Thank you!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay online (thru QR code) or via website or pay at the door. To register, tear off this tab and place in offering plate, call the office or go online.

Use this QR Code to access online giving.



The **UMW Christmas Luncheon** will be Saturday, December 8 at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The Executive Board will not meet.

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR DECEMBER 2-8, 2018

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship Service  
4:00 Reindeer Run  
4:30 Children & Youth Activities  
5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper  
6:15 The Branch

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

3:30 High School Tutoring  
7:00 Boy Scouts

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

4:00 High School Tutoring  
4:30 Staff Meeting  
6:00 Trustees Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

4:15 Youth Choir  
5:00 Guitar Class  
5:30 Fellowship Dinner & Program  
6:15 Children & Youth Activities  
7:30 Chancel Choir

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

10:00 Circle of Faith- Conference Rm.  
3:30 Junior High Tutoring  
6:00 Wayfinders  
6:30 Finance Committee  
7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

3:30 Junior High Tutoring  
6:30 Circle of Friends

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

12:00 UMW Christmas Party- Fellowship Hall

### SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

**USHERS:** David Denny, Art Eckerson, Jim Heaton, Mitch Robinson, Steve Love

**GREETERS:** Novice Gross, Katie Mahoney, Donna Robbins, Deborah & Marcus Grant

**PRAYER:** Mike Eddy **CROSSBEARER:** Stephen Cradic

**ACOLYTE:** Abraunya Roe **BEADLE:** Quinn Fox

**AUDIOVISUAL:** Karl Kapoor

## First United Methodist Church

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Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here.

Please sign the blue registration pad at one end of each pew.



### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

**PRELUDE** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Arr. Paul Manz

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

#### INVOCATION

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our Father, during this Advent Season, protect us from and forgive us for the sins which are so common at this time.

**People: We confess to the sin of greed, for we are too often swept away by the commercialism of Christmas.**

Leader: We confess to the sin of exclusiveness, for we act too often as though Christ came only for us.

**People: We confess to the sin of cynicism, for we are too often blinded by the holiday lights, and fail to slow down and show respect for what is sacred.**

Leader: We confess to the sin of failing to communicate words of love in this time when Your love and joy should be our first thought.

**People: We confess to the sin of anger and impatience, for we permit ourselves to be upset by the pressures and frustrations of the season. For these and our other sins of Advent, we ask for Your protection and forgiveness.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Lift up your heads faithful people, for our redemption is drawing near.  
My friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel!

**All: Christ comes into the world to forgive and to save. Thanks be to God! AMEN!**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 25:1-10

**MORNING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION** "Forever" Words on Screen

**OFFERTORY** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Arr. Mark Hayes

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 94

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 21:25-36

**ANTHEM** "Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God"  
*Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come.*  
*Thy truth unseal, Thy love reveal.*  
*Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.*  
*Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come.*  
*Come in Thy might, send forth Thy light.*  
*Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.*  
*Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God.*  
*For Thee we long, hear Thou our prayer.*  
*To Thee be glory now and evermore.*

**SERMON** "Breaking Through" Rev. Jane Taylor

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 213

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!*  
*Son of God and Son of Man!*  
*Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine.*

**GO IN PEACE, GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, AND TAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH YOU THIS WEEK TO SHARE WITH ALL YOU MEET.**

**Holiday Taste of First Methodist**  
Sunday, December 9 from 4:30 to 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall  
A night of gathering and giving to support the Food Pantry  
Sponsored by the Outreach Pillar

Join us for an evening of food and fellowship while supporting our Food Pantry. Small groups (Sunday School classes, UMW Circles, Bible Study groups, Choir, Youth, etc.) are asked to provide treats to share. The plates, napkins, and beverages will be supplied by the Outreach Pillar. Since we are in the Fellowship Hall, Outreach will also take care of decorations.

The Food Pantry Committee has requested support in the form of **jars of peanut butter, boxes of saltine crackers (4 sleeves of crackers per box) and monetary contributions.** You may bring these items the night of our event. If you cannot attend the Holiday Taste, you may drop off food items outside the church office. Monetary contributions designated for the Food Pantry can be made through your normal process for giving.

For any questions about this event, contact Lana Scott, Nancy Campbell, or Janice Moore.

Thanks from the Outreach Pillar for supporting this event!

We have some special treats coming up on our Wednesday evenings during Advent. Please consider joining us!

**Wednesday, December 5:** "The Shepherds at the Manger" led by Roger Bailey

**Wednesday, December 12:** "The Three Magi" - a Christmas program by special guests from Central Baptist. We will meet in the sanctuary for this dramatic presentation.

**Wednesday, December 19:** No adult meal or programming. Children and youth will have a Christmas party at the Skate Inn.

Our annual **Christmas Shopping Day** for the church children is coming up on December 9. The kids get so excited about being able to buy gifts for their loved ones at a minimal cost! Please help us make this possible by donating any new or slightly used items to include in the sale. Please leave any items for donation in the Open Door Classroom. If you would like to get involved or have any questions, please contact Janine Berning at 534-7823.

We are still collecting donations of winter outerwear for Clare's Closet. The collection box is located in the connector.

December 2, 2018 Prayer Requests  
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Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

- Prayer list:**
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| Betty & Aldon Speer               | Rev. David Neel       |
| Barbara Marrs                     | Jim Paveglio          |
| Elizabeth Bailey                  | Cody Hammond          |
| Ralph & Joan Garland              | Joe Campbell          |
| Nancy Jewell                      | Mitch Link            |
| Bobbie Wells                      | Michael Harrell       |
| Elizabeth Wells                   | Sharyn Lessly         |
| Clare Warren & parents            | Jane Wilhoit Anderson |
| Catherine Cartus                  | Nancy Wilhoit Norris  |
| Tom Palmer                        | Emily Hawkins         |
| Kevin Jones                       | Christy Cagle         |
| Carrie Denny                      | Beth Minutolo         |
| Bob & Dee Lentz                   | Betty McGaha          |
| Carolyn Wood                      | Steve Holmes          |
| Sue Speer                         | Phil & Donna Pipkin   |
| LaMarr Talley                     | Vivian Eckerson       |
| Evelyn Moore                      | Clare May             |
| Jo Cross                          | Tina Morrison         |
| Edna Johnson                      | Oliver Johnson        |
| Jerry & Judy Rust                 | G. G. Kline           |
| Bill & Mary McClellan             | Brenda Logan          |
| Gary J. Harkins                   | James Holloway        |
| Magnolia Ridge family of recovery | Louise Scott          |
| Frannie Knouse                    | Marsha Pierce         |
|                                   | Mary Jane Furchess    |
|                                   | Mike Lowe             |
|                                   | Midge Merrill         |

Sympathy is extended to Phil and Crystal Gray in the death of Phil's mother, Maud Roy Gray.